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1. The Czech pharmaceutical industry has been completely nationalized and has now become the "United Pharmaceutical Industries, National Corporation" (Spojene farmaceuticke zavody, narodni podnik). The druggists and private laboratories are not allowed to produce any specialities, and any manufacturing licenses which they already held have been taken over by the new national association. The big druggists are also included in the association so that only the perfumeries remain in private hands.
2. Production of pharmaceutical goods is extremely limited. So-called factory specialities are disappearing from the market, and only regularized pharmaceutical specialities are to be produced in a total selection of about 300 kinds.
3. The market is in a lamentable condition, there even being, for instance, a lack of aspirin, while rofein has entirely disappeared. There are also no supplies of sympathol, adriional, lobelin, or aludrin, as these are products which the Czech chemical industry is unable to manufacture, and which were being received from Germany as reparations. Attempts made to produce sympathol in 1947 at the Fragner factory in Lecholupe were a failure.
4. There is a complete lack of alkaloid, and the Association of Pharmaceutical Industries is carrying out a strict collection of poppy fiber. There is no production of Sulfonamid.
5. The new nationalized pharmaceutical industry now employs about 6000 workers.
6. Pharmaceutical factories in operation are:

Remed, Praha-Vysocany
Fragner, Mecholupy
Lucebni Zavody in Kolin
Eco, Prague XII
Vistra, Bratislava

7. Changes in the leading positions in the pharmaceutical industry are so frequent that it is impossible to give the names of the holders.
8. Scientific work for the chemical and pharmaceutical industrie is negligible, since the men with the requisite ability have been dismissed because of their

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political convictions and have been replaced by incapable workers and others whose knowledge is out of date.

9. The standard of the students is subnormal. Out of 1400 registered by the Faculty of Natural Science in Prague in 1947, only 2 percent obtained their degree in 1949.
10. Preparations are now going forward to nationalize the remaining private druggists who will be administered as follows: one-third of the total number by the Institute of National Insurance, one-third by the Ministry of Health, and one-third by the National Association of Pharmaceutical Chemical Industries.

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